

**ANDHRA PRADESH LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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L.C.Q.No.445(Starred)

**Notice given by
Sri Reddivari Reddapa Reddy, MLC.**

WILL THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE BE PLEASED TO STATE:

QUESTION

- a) whether there is any proposal to collect the soil samples in the command areas of the new projects under Jalayagnam;
- b) whether there is any proposal to analyse such samples so as to recommend the fertilizer basing on the soil type ?

AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (F.P.II.1) DEPARTMENT

ANSWER

- a) Yes Sir.
- b) Yes Sir.

(THE ABOVE ANSWER HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE)

for PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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NOTE FOR SUPPLEMENTARY

Collection of soil samples is a regular activity of the department to test the fertility of the soil and to issue soil health cards to the farmers. Every year 5.0 lakhs samples are collected at the rate of 20 samples for village on an average. This covers the command area, rainfed area and area under tanks and wells. Regular instructions are given to the Agricultural officers to concentrate on the higher productivity areas such as irrigated area including command area.

During the Rythu Chaithanya Yatra before ensuring Kharif season special instructions were given to all extension staff to collect soil samples from new command area promptly and analyse in the laboratory for recommendation of fertilizer and for issuing of Soil Health Cards to the farmers.